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Office of the Attorney General to Host Prescription Drug Take-Back Event on Wednesday, April 27

Partnership with DEA Will Keep Potentially Dangerous Drugs off the Streets

WASHINGTON, D. C. – The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are partnering for a **Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Wednesday, April 27, from 10am to 2pm in the lobby at One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street NW)**. Residents can bring their expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs to the lobby for safe disposal. This service is free, anonymous and no questions are asked.

“When excess prescription opioids go unused, there is a potential for those drugs to be improperly used by teens and others. Robust drug take-back programs help keep these potentially dangerous and addictive drugs off of the streets,” said Attorney General Karl A. Racine. **“Over the past several years, we have seen increased opioid abuse in the District and across the country. Data from the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) indicates that opioid overdose deaths have increased every year since 2011. This partnership with the DEA is part of OAG’s broader effort to address this epidemic.”**

Proper disposal of unused drugs is important to saving lives and protecting our environment. If thrown in the trash, unused drugs can be retrieved, used by teens or children or sold on the streets. If flushed, unused drugs can contaminate our water supply.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 10 previous take-back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds of pills.

A flyer about the event is attached.